



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

DATE: December 10, 2018

PREPARED BY: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-HQ-2018-THT-0121

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: EMAIL COMMUNICATION OF UNUSUAL DIRECTION TO ADMINISTRATOR
WHEELER, FROM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), PRIVATE CITIZEN

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	WASHINGTON, DC	

VIOLATION(S): 18 U.S. Code § 875 – Interstate Communications

ALLEGATION: On July 18, 2018, Andrew Wheeler (Wheeler), Acting Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received a message of unusual direction from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) private citizen. The name (b) (6) was identified by the email system and the email address that the sender utilized was (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). The message contained in the email stated: *“Your job is to protect the environment and make sure our air and water quality are not polluted by industry. What the fuck are you doing you trump ass kisser. Your going to get thrown out too you piece of shit. If my kids or grand kids were to become sick from your actions we will come and find you!”*

FINDINGS: The communication was forwarded to the Office of Counsel (OC) for a legal sufficiency (b) (5). Additionally, Art Elkins (Elkins), Inspector General, EPA, gave further direction that “under no circumstances” is the Office of Investigations (OI) to contact (b) (6).

DISPOSITION: Due to the guidance from OC and Elkins, Special Agent (SA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) OI, Office of Inspector General (OIG), EPA, recommended that the case be closed. Acting/Assistant Inspector General of Investigations (A/AIGI) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) OI, OIG, EPA, concurred with the recommendation and the case is closed with no further action being taken by OI. If new information becomes available, OI retains the right to reopen the investigation.

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